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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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Applicant(s): Andreas METELSKI et al.

Atty Ref: 288.999651

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Group Art Unit: 3632

Filing Date: 28-Feb-2000

Examiner: Steven Marsh

Title: MICROSCOPE STAND, ESPECIALLY FOR A SURGICAL MICROSCOPE  
(as amended)

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Honorable Sir:

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This Response is in reply to the second, non-final Office Action dated January 16, 2002 in the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

***Terminal Disclaimer***

The acceptance of the terminal disclaimer filed August 27, 2001 is acknowledged with thanks. The assignment has since been recorded at Reel 010700, Frame 0413.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103***

Claims 14-39, 44, and 45 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,609,316 (Tigliev) in view of US 3,850,307 (Motoda) in further view of US 5,425,068

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